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Practical Gilt Management Part 2

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Unlocking lifetime potential and improving sow longevity



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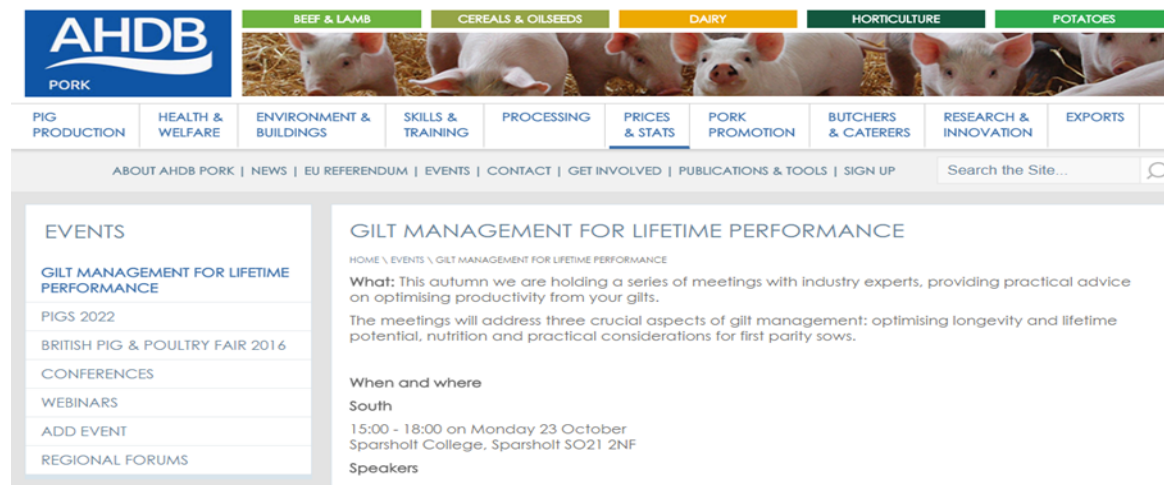


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Practical gilt management

- Second of two practical gilt management meetings:
 - Part 1: Spring 17 – covered key areas
 - Selecting the correct gilt
 - Rearing her for maximum potential
 - Managing the gilt at service

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GILT MANAGEMENT FOR LIFETIME PERFORMANCE

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What: This autumn we are holding a series of meetings with industry experts, providing practical advice on optimising productivity from your gilts.

The meetings will address three crucial aspects of gilt management: optimising longevity and lifetime potential, nutrition and practical considerations for first parity sows.

When and where

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15:00 - 18:00 on Monday 23 October
Sparsholt College, Sparsholt SO21 2NF

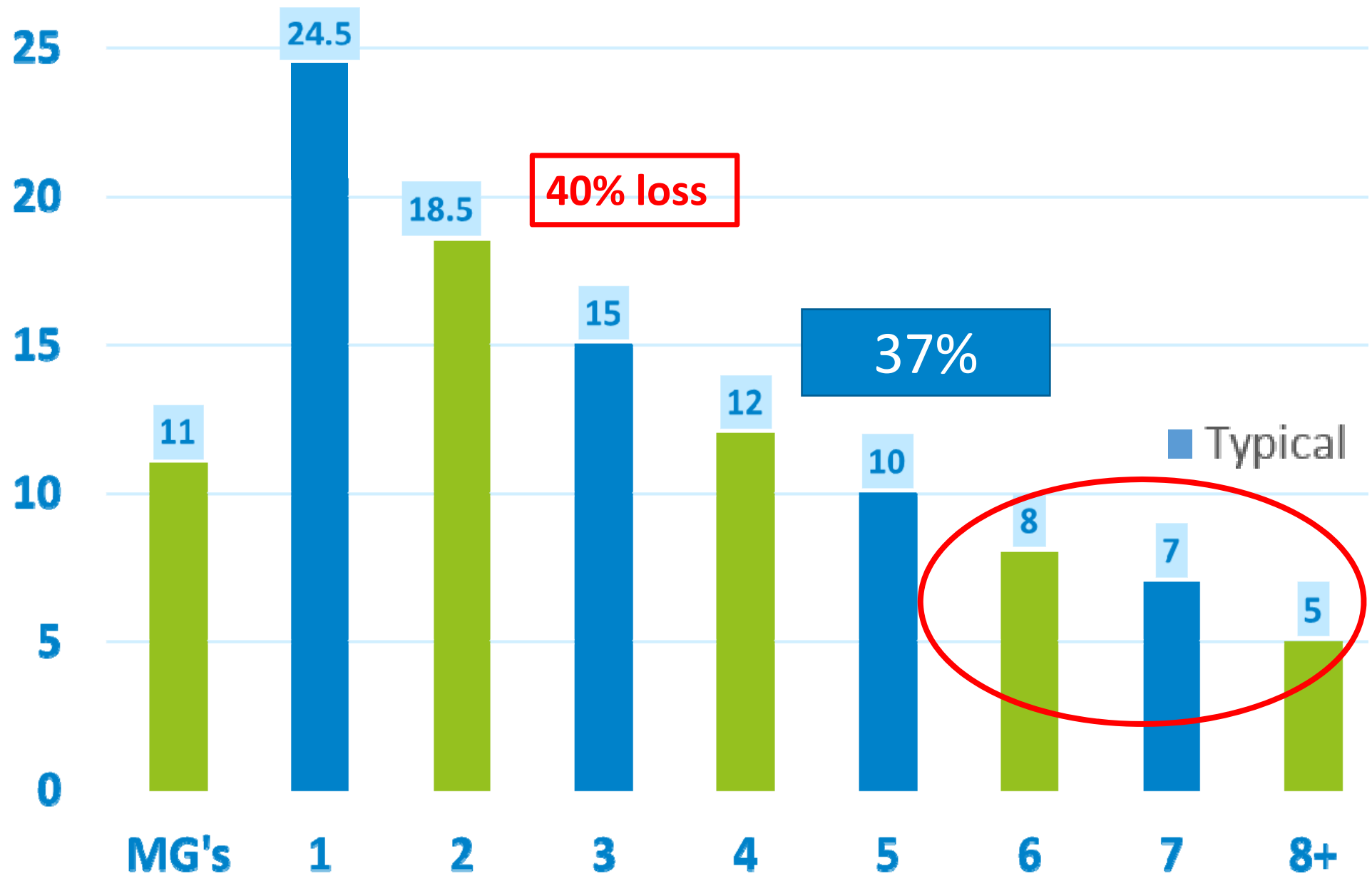
Speakers

Nigel Dodd, AHDB

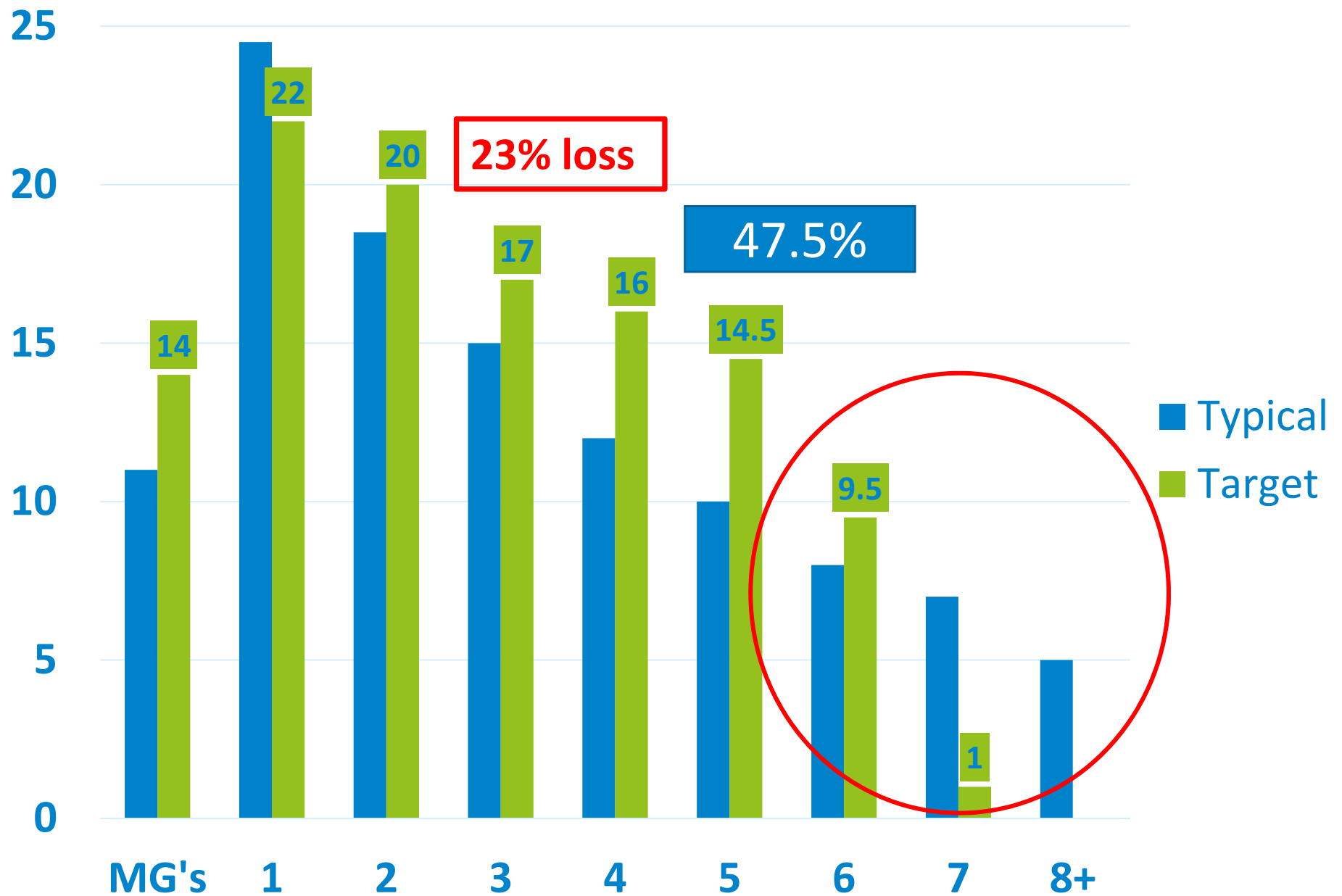
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- Part 2: Key management strategies to realise lifetime potential.....WHY?
- Importance of retaining young sows in the herd

What are the consequences of early culling?



What is an ideal parity profile?



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- Impact of progeny from gilts on the rearing herd

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- This is resulting in them being **10 days** slower to bacon (on average)

Outline of the meeting

- The Midweek Meal campaign
 - Update from Nicola Dodd, AHDB
- Why is sow longevity and lifetime potential so important?
 - Stephen Hall, Stephen Hall Management Ltd.
- Nutritional strategies during key stages
 - Rosemarijn Gerritsen, ForFarmers
- Practical considerations for the first parity sow
 - John Hayden, INTEGRA Veterinary Services
- Panel discussion
- Gilt Watch and Close of meeting
- Food!



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GILTWATCH



Launch – Autumn 2017

Gilt Watch



The aim

- As an Industry we need to:-
 - retain more young sows in the herd
 - understand why young sows are failing



AHDB is looking for a group of producers to:

- Monitor individual performance from cohorts of gilts to service for P3
 - Reasons for culling
 - Empty days
 - Litter size at first and second parities
- Implement changes to improve performance
 - After review with AIG and KE if required.
- Meet twice a year to with other Gilt Watch producers to review progress, over two-year period
- Share experience with other producers

Producers will need to:

- Be either indoor or outdoor
- Use a computerised recording system
- Know ID of gilt before service
- Know age of gilt at service (approx.)
- Record date and reasons for leaving the herd

How progress will be monitored:

- The year is split into 3 x 4month periods: January –April, May-August, and September-December
- Gilts will be allocated a cohort group number according to when they are selected as a gilt into the gilt pool (100 kg), or arrive on farm
- Gilts will be entered into the herd at service but data on failure to be served will be captured

How progress will be monitored:

- The first cohort of incoming gilts will ideally be back-dated from the start of January 2017
- Every six months we will run an analysis to see the progress of the animals within a cohort, in particular, how many have been culled/removed, when and cause of the culling.

Also looking for 'mentor' producers to:

- Use their experience in developing case studies and best practice guidelines
- **Join Gilt Watch meetings where possible**
- Potentially mentor Gilt Watch producers to help improve performance

They will have a minimum 78% retention rate of replacement gilts.

A vibrant landscape of a green field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is filled with colorful clouds, ranging from soft pinks and oranges to deep blues and greys. A path or road winds through the field, leading the eye towards the horizon. The foreground is dominated by tall, lush green grasses. In the distance, rolling hills and a few buildings are visible under the twilight sky.

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